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Mr. Neldon Kunz
Mine Superintendent
American Gilsonite Company
Bonanza, Utah 84008

Re: Mine Plan Approval, Federal Gilsonite Lease UTU-060749

Dear Mr. Kunz:

MINE PLAN APPROVAL

Background- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah State Office, received your mine plan on October 20, 1997. An Environmental Assessment (UT-080-1997-17) was written in response to your mining plan and a Decision Record (DR) was issued on May 5, 1999. Conditions of approval (COA's) attached to the (DR) were derived from the impact analysis in the EA as well as from mitigation actions incorporated as part of the proposed action. Those COA's resulting in mitigation were clarified and made part of the mining plan approval. The conditions of approval that were made as part of the DR, do **not** represent Mine plan approval under 43 CFR 3500. This document constitutes the approval granted under 43 CFR 3500. The lessee is responsible for abiding by the mine plan as analyzed in the EA, including all mitigation incorporated as part of the mine plan.

Approval- The mine plan is approved for the Wagon Hound #3 shaft site with an escape shaft located approximately 500 feet NW of the shaft located on the strike of the vein. It also covers the Wagon Hound #7 shaft site along with the access road between the two shafts. The following conditions of approval and notice(s) will apply to this approval: